

Plantation Committee Meeting Minutes - 17th October 2006 at 33, Seymour Rd.

Margaret Pickford stated that she would take the Minutes for the meeting.

- 1 Present - Margaret Pickford, Robert Shields, Paul Rushforth and Derek Brewis.

Apologies were received from Diana Edmonds and Cath Thomson

- 2 The previous Minutes of 1st June 2006 were accepted.

- 3 Matters arising

It was thought unnecessary to proceed with any work to drop the kerb at the entrance to the Plantation because there is an access that can be used as a disabled access from Springfield Close. A dropped kerb from the car park entrance can be installed at a future date when there are more funds available.

Diana Edmonds sent copies of the amended letter that could be sent to businesses requesting sponsorship. The letter was approved with the following additions: that funding was desired for disabled access from the car park, and, that another award had been received. The award from CPRE (Campaign for the Protection of Rural England) was accepted by Robert Shields. The award is a plaque and will be sited on the plinth of the entrance sign at the Plantation.

Derek Brewis will send the letters to companies and local businesses. Robert Shields will investigate how to transfer the logo for the Plantation onto the heading of the letters.

A Fun Day should be organised to take place in the spring. A possible date of May was suggested.

- 4 We were not able to discuss matters arising from the AGM because the Minutes were unavailable.

- 5 The Treasurer, Derek, reported that there was £250 in funds.

- 6 Elections took place and the results were as follows:

Chair - Margaret Pickford

Secretary - Paul Rushforth

Treasurer - Derek Brewis

Diana Edmonds (Parish Council Representative) and Cath Thomson (Co-opted member) are on the committee and there was a vacancy for another co-opted member. Robert suggested Ken Davies. It was agreed that Robert would ask Ken.

- 7 We have a membership of 20. Margaret will submit an article to the Link stating our current situation and requesting that people join or renew their membership.

- 8 We need to know what work needs doing in the Plantation. We already know that there are 26 trees that need felling, coppicing or some attention. Robert will contact Paul and Linda Sutton and obtain the past Minutes and documentation relating to future work. Then, it is hoped to arrange a meeting with Robert, Ken, Margaret and Linda to sort out what needs doing when.

It appears that litter has been thrown into the Plantation from the school site. Margaret will visit the school and speak to the Headteacher about the matter.

- 9 We need to increase our funds. Grants cannot be applied for until Robert has had an opportunity to look through the files. Margaret will sell the Plantation notelets at the Christmas Fair. They are also currently being sold at the Garage.
- 10 There was no other business.
- 11 Date of next meeting - 9th January at 7.30 at Margaret's house.